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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. .

Rejected claims 26 and 31 have been canceled. Claims 27, 32, and 33 have been amended to depend from claim 34. Claims 23, 25, 28, 33, and 34 have been amended to correct minor informalities. Claims 36-43, dependent from claim 34, have been added. Independent claims 23, 28, and 34 have been allowed.

Consequently, claims 23, 28, and 34, as well as claims 24-25, 29-30, and 27, 32-33 & 35-43 which depend from claims 23, 28, and 34, respectively, are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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